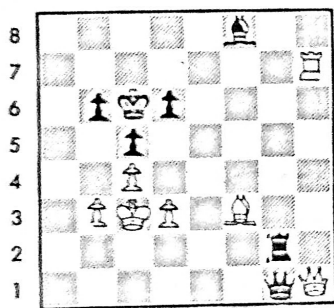


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CHESS AUCTION SET FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA OPEN, OCTOBER '88

Ron Schauer has set a chess auction, scheduled during the annual ND Open in Fargo. (During the ND Closed, a planned auction of items turned into an informal sale, netting \$42.00 to the NDCA activities!) The chess auction will display all donated items like chess sets, books, Popel memorabilia, clocks, chess articles, etc.

All donated chess items are welcome. All revenue will go to the North Dakota Chess Association, for tournaments and operating expenses.

If you have anything to donate, or would like a list of items that will be sold, call or write to Ron Schauer, P.O. Box 931, Bismarck ND 58502 (Ph: 223-5807.)

'86 ND Postal Chess Update



After 5 months of action, Clifford Berger has jumped to a 3-0 score against his rivals. (Berger was the '86 postal champion.) It is still too early to declare a winner however. Defending the title is Michael Sprague, who has 1½ with 3 games to go. The other final combatants are Silvano Bentzel who recently drew with Sprague, & LaMoyné Splichal with all six games in progress. Good luck!!

June '88" Tornado

6-18-1988

@ Norwest Bank Community Room,
 Gateway Branch Bldg., Bismarck, ND

TD: Dale Sailer

TL: 25/1, 25/1.

USCF Rated.

The June Tornado in Bismarck could have been called the Minot Invitational, as 5 Minot chessplayers were among the 9 participants. There were also 3 upsets in the first round, including Crouse over Case, Bentzel over Splichal, and Johnson beat Hernandez in an adjourned game. In the 3rd round, Hernandez upset Mike Sailer. The end result was a tournament that saw 4 players tie for 1st with 2 points each. It is too bad that Minot can't find an organizer to put on chess tournaments, as they have some of the more active players in the state!

PLAYER	RATING	CITY	#1	#2	#3	TOTAL
1. Mike Sailer	1995	Bismarck	W5	W6	L3	2
2. Rick Case	1949	Minot	L6	W4	W7	2
3. Jeff Hernandez	1836	Minot	L4	W7	W1	2
4. Marv Johnson	1615	Minot	W3	L2	W6	2
5. Lee Feldmann	1610	Minot	L1	D8	W9	1½
6. Leonard Crouse	1576	Kenmare	W2	L1	L4	1
7. Silvano Bentzel	1347	Minot	W8	L3	L2	1
8. LaMoyné Splichal	1665	Dickinson	L7	D5	--	½
9. Dale Sailer	1507	Bismarck	--	--	L5	0

Awards - \$7.50 each to Sailer, Case, Hernandez, & Johnson.

TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

July 23-24 25th Anniversary Nfld. AQUA Open

Ukrainian-American Center, 301 NE Main St., Minneapolis, MN.
 SSS, EF=\$20 (\$16 over 55 or under 19) (\$12 over 65 or under 16) if rcvd.
 by July 15. Reg.=8:30-9:30, Rds=10/2:30/7:30 - 9/2:30, NS, W, Advance
 entries to: MSCA, PO Box 75003, St. Paul, MN 55175. USCF/MSCA req.
 Invitational and Open sections with 1-day novice as well. Prizes guaranteed
 for Open section: 1st=\$125 + trophy; 2nd=\$100; 3rd=\$75; 1st under 1900,
 1700, 1500, and 1300= \$50 and Trophy; Unr.=trophy; Upset=\$25 and trophy.
 (Entries at site are \$25,20,15) FIDE rules apply.

Sep. 17-18 1988 Region IV Championship

Park Inn International, 7640 Cedar Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN
 Open, Amateur, and Reserve Sections. SSS, TL=25/60-30/60 Open, 30/60-20/30
 Amateur, 30/60-20/30 Reserve Sec. Rooms at \$30 single, \$36 double, Res.
 call 1-888-437-PARK. EF= Open is \$25, Amateur and Reserve are \$20 if rcvd.
 by 9/13, \$5 higher at site. Entries to: Donald Sjerven, 8826 Emerson Ave. S.
 Bloomington, MN 55420. USCF/MSCA req. NS, FIDE rules apply.
 Juniors get \$10 off entry fee. REG: Open= 8-9; Amateur and Reserve= 8:30-9:30
 RDS: Open= 9:30/2/7:30, 10/2:30; Amateur= 10/2:30/7:15, 10/2:30; Reserve=10:15
 2:45/7:30, 10/2:30.

Oct. 1-2 23rd F-M Open

Comstock Union, Room 205, Moorhead State UNIV., Moorhead, MN.
 SSS, TL: 45/2, 30/1; REG: 9/9:30; RDS: 9:45/1:30/5:30, 9/2; LS; W; EF: \$10 if
 rcvd. by 9/30, \$13 at site. ENT: F-M Chess, 315 Dale Ave., Moorhead, MN 565
 PRIZES: \$50-1st, \$30-2nd, Class prizes (b/20) \$80.

Oct. 1-2 1988 Proletarian Uprising

Pierre Mall, 1615 N. Harrison, Pierre, SD.
 4SS, TC: 40/1, 20/1; EF: \$15 in advance, \$20 at site. RDS: Sat.=1/6, Sun.=9/2
 Entries to: Reuben Bezpaletz, Box 1242, Pierre, SD 57501.
 Prizes Guaranteed: 1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, 3rd-\$50, other prizes as per entries.

Oct. 1-2 Northern Open Championship

Minneapolis, St. Paul, MN (Details unavailable)

Oct. ??? North Dakota Open

Fargo, ND (Details unavailable)

Oct. 22-23 Minneapolis Open

Minneapolis, MN (Details unavailable)

Oct. 29-30 4th KALAKA Open

Seven Seas Motor INN, Mandan, ND
 SSS, NS (Smoking permitted in hallway outside tourney room) TC: 45/2, 15/30.
 Reg: 9:00-9:45. RDS: 10/2:30/7, 10/2:30. EF: \$20 if rcvd. by Oct. 15,
 \$25 at site. Students under 19 get special \$10 discount (\$10, \$15 at site).
 Prizes: Director guarantees \$100 1st prize if at least 10 players show.
 Other prizes as per turnout. If less than 10 players, prizes will be divided
 between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. ENT: Joe Gagner, 1119 S. 9th, #408, Bismarck, ND
 58504

Nov. 18-20 Twin Cities Open

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
 \$5000 in Guaranteed prizes over 5 Sections
 (Other Details Not available at this time.)

?????????? Bismarck Open - (Not yet Scheduled)

?????????? N.D. Team Championship (Not yet scheduled)

July 1989 - 2nd World Blitz Chess Championship
 in Alberta, Canada!!! (our northern neighbors)
 another \$200,000 in prizes, to the best speed players.
 Plan your Canadian chess vacation now, for chess action!

Greetings to the Members of the North Dakota Chess Association. A new chess season gears up, and the focus on improving chess in North Dakota continues. In this letter, I would like to start by congratulating Ron Schauer on the most recent term he has served as the leader of the NDCA. Ron is an outstanding contributor to the chess scene in many ways, and his involvement in NDCA government is not the least of them. As president-elect, I had the chance to witness Ron's ability as an arbiter and as a leader to a greater degree than ever before, and it is clear to me that as much as we all appreciate the job he has done, we do not appreciate it enough. His fine job as President of the NDCA deserves the highest applause, and the sincerest thanks.

Secondly, I would like to extend similar regards to LaMoyné Splichal who has served quietly, ably, and outstandingly for many years. Running a state organization and keeping things going requires a lot of work, and LaMoyné has done more of that than most of the rest of us put together. He is clearly the single greatest contributor to the organization, in terms of getting things done, and that makes him an irreplaceable commodity. Again the highest applause and sincerest thanks!!

In looking ahead to the future of the NDCA, it is important to identify our goals and to establish a framework under which they will be achieved. The goals are quite simple: A) Get more people involved in chess in this state, from all angles of the sport; B) Put on more events with better quality in terms of attendance, participation, prizes, etc.; C) Give chess a higher profile in the public eye, and a profile that is positive.

In order to achieve these goals, it is necessary to get to work and get things done. I think for starters, we need better organization. Events are scheduled haphazardly and are handled as the responsibility of a given director with nobody else getting involved. And there is no cross organization of directors in getting this done. It is my belief that all events should be lined up at the start of the year and they should be spaced out with dates and specifics set by the 1st of September, instead of their getting done when and if the time is available. There should be less effort at providing more events and more effort at making the events we have better. There should be some sort of organized separation between state level events and local club events. There should be more local club activity and the state events should be the highlights of the chess season in the state. This of course requires more clubs and more active clubs. But it would also help if there were more chess simulms and exhibitions. I understand that Ron Schauer and Jerry Triggs and working on an exhibition in July at the Gateway Mall, here in Bismarck, and that is an example of what I mean. Furthermore the chess season should be organized with a period of no actual tourneys so all players have a scheduled opportunity to relax and wind down so as to avoid burnout. It is because of this ideal and the lack of time that I have discontinued my efforts in regard to the PAWN WARS.

Furthermore, people have to get involved and leaders have to lead. At the most recent state meeting, it was made clear that this is going to be very difficult indeed. Witness the response to my suggestion of car wash fundraisers. No organization can survive if the only interest is the focus of the organization and if everybody is too lazy to do any work, even on that. And I do mean LAZY. I could use other words but they are unprintable. Those of us who do the work do it for ourselves and our ideals. We do not do it for the lazy cusses who won't help. Take a lesson from the little red hen...or else!!!! Not for me or the organization but for yourselves. If you won't help, there will be nothing to help, and I do mean nothing. If you don't like my ideas, that is fine. But get off your lazy duffs, put together your ideas and start doing something. You benefit, You should contribute!! TANSTAAFL. There ain't any such thing as a free lunch. All directors are urged to write me with ideas and events and lets get together and get it done!!!!

1987 ND Grand Prix Winners

Jerry Triggs won the annual contest, edging Rick Case who was the runnerup, and Mike Sailer the 3rd place finisher. Prizes are to be distributed in the coming months. Triggs won a master quartz chess clock, Case opted for \$35, and Sailer a \$15 USCF gift certificate. Final standings of all players will be in Oct. '88 NDCA Newsletter. Thanks to all who played in North Dakota tournaments!

1 Senior High Final Team Standings - '88 ND Scholastic

1. Fargo Oak Grove - R Ehlbeck, K Hakanson, P Humphrey, J Sauve	10½
2. Dickinson High, "Chairmen of the Board" - Z Stearns, B Marsh T Odegard, & D Fichtner	9
3. Bismarck High - M Sailer	5
4. Jamestown High - K Adams	3½
5. Dickinson #2 - K Myers	2

PRIZES PER SECTION @ 1988 ND Scholastic Tournament

1st place individual in each section received a championship trophy, one year memberships to USCF & NDCA, and free entry to the '88 ND Closed.

2nd place individual in each section received a trophy, and a 1 year membership in the NDCA, & free entries to the '88 ND Closed.

Team champions in each section received a team trophy, and 1 year NDCA memberships for each team player.

Elementary: Ken Dahme went 5-0 to capture 1st. Mystal Evanger won 2nd place trophy on tiebreak points, over Jenny Bitz. Team Champion was the Bismarck Grimsrud Roughriders.

Junior High (USCF rated): Chris Lindseth went 5-0 to capture 1st. John Engel won 2nd place, with 4-0. Belcourt was team champion.

Senior High (USCF rated): Mike Sailer went 5-0 to capture 1st, & qualify national high school tmt. in Boston. Zane Stearns won 2nd place trophy on tiebreak points, over Ken Adams. Team champions are Fargo Oak Grove.

TOP USA SCHOLASTIC MIKE SAILER REPRESENTING STATE IN BOSTON '88!

Mike Sailer of Bismarck, age 16, will represent North Dakota in the national high school tournament of champions, Aug. 8-13, in Boston. In April, he won the ND Scholastic Senior High School Champ., with a 5-0 score, a post rating of 2001. Sailer qualifies for the trip, receiving \$200 from USCF, & \$150 from NDCA to help with expenses. The tournament will be held in conjunction with the '88 U.S. OPEN, August 7-19.

Besides this honor, Pres. Joe Gagner has appointed Mike Sailer as our state delegate to the annual USCF meetings. He may give some input to what is slated concerning USCF affairs.

Finally noted in the above headline, Mike Sailer recently got nationwide attention, entering the Top 50 Scholastic Players!!! In the Age 15-16 listing, Mike is #27 in the nation, with a 2001 rating, on the July 1988 list. (His debut was in May, #23 in USA with 1980 rating!) This honor is believed to be the first by any ND player since these lists were published. Congratulations Mike, good luck in Boston!

Speed Chess Champ Wins in Sudden-Death Playoff

Jerry Triggs of Mandan won the 1988 ND Speed Chess Championship, at the annual earlybird tourney, Friday evening, April 22. It took a best two of three game playoff match against Steve Turmo to gain a new champion. Jerry scored 2-0 in the playoff, gaining the title and the winner take all money.

Final scores in the round robin event were: Triggs & Turmo had 9 pts. '87 champ Ron Schauer had 8½, Stacy Mertz & Mike Sailer each had 7½ pts., Ronnie Voisine scored 7, Somner Sorenson 6½, LaMoyné Splichal & Cam Starr managed 3 wins, Leonard Crouse & Joe Gagner finished with 2 pts., and Steve Lengenfelder scored one victory.

Speed chess, or blitz tournaments is the future now to gain public attention. They do create excitement for the spectator! Recently the television monitors were focused on St. John, Canada, where Soviet GM Mikhail Tal won \$37,500 winning the world blitz championship!!

♣ 1988 ND Scholastic (Senior High Div., grades 10-12)
Chess Championship (USCF rated) April 9-10, 1988.

USCF ID#	Player	Rating	Rating #1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total	
12451516	1 Mike Sailer	1992	2001	W-8	W-3	W-2	W-4	W-5	5
12463184	2 Zane Stearns	1507	1539	W12	W-5	L-1	D-3	W-4	3½
12468477	3 Ken B Adams	1254/10	1361	W-9	L-1	W-7	D-2	W-8	3½
12513755	4 Joel Sauve	----	1493	W11	W-7	W10	L-1	L-2	3
12513753	5 Kevin Hakanson	----	1465	W10	L-2	W11	W-6	L-1	3
12513752	6 Robert Ehlbeck	----	1240	L-7	W11	W-8	L-5	D10	2½
12491157	7 Tim Odegaard	1492/5	1348	W-6	L-4	L-3	W12	L-9	2
12491155	8 Brandon Marsh	1018/5	1166	L-1	W-9	L-6	W10	L-3	2
12513754	9 Paul Humphrey	----	1129	L-3	L-8	L12	W11	W-7	2
12491148	10 Danny Fichtner	1338/5	1226	L-5	W12	L-4	L-8	D-6	1½
12490782	11 Steve Dorner	1047/10	1036	L-4	L-6	L-5	L-9	W12	1
12468485	12 Kasey Myers	972/13	977	L-2	L10	W-9	L-7	L11	1

♣ 1988 ND Scholastic (Junior High Div., grades 7-8-9)
Chess Championship (USCF Rated) April 9-10, 1988.

12435050	1 Chris Lindseth	1294	1358	W-8	W-2	W-3	W-5	W-4	5
12470598	2 John Engel	1137/5	1319	W-4	L-1	W-6	W-3	W-5	4
12491147	3 Earl Charboneau	1237/5	1279	W10	W-7	L-1	L-2	W-6	3
12513749	4 Lowell Poitra	-----	1320	L-2	W-9	W10	W-6	L-1	3
12491151	5 Jason Gross	1294/5	1231	W-7	L-6	W-8	L-1	L-2	2
12491158	6 Bobby Peltier	1136/5	1133	W-9	W-5	L-2	L-4	L-3	2
12513747	7 Joey Entobgi	-----	905	L-5	L-3	D-9	X--	D-8	2
12513748	8 Jason Laducer	-----	1077	L-1	W10	L-5	D-9	D-7	2
12513751	9 Kim Seibel	-----	886	L-6	L-4	D-7	D-8	X--	2
12513750	10 Chris Hambrick	-----	749	L-3	L-8	L-4	F--	F--	0

Tied players are listed in order of pre-tournament ratings.
W = win, L = loss, D = draw, X = forfeit win, F = forfeit loss.

† Elementary Final Team Standings - '88 ND Scholastic

	Points
1. Grimsrud Roughriders - K Dahme, M Mertz, C Hintz, B Ghering	16
2. McClusky #3 - M Johnson, Kipp Sparrow, M Evanger, B Wagner	15
3. Grimsrud "A" - K Buchwitz, J Penne, B Malsom, A Tello	14½
4. Grimsrud Grizzlies - T Kvanig, C Skistad, J Zuroff, J Bitz	13
5. Pioneer #1 Panthers - S Leung, T Staton, M Schmidt, Matt Sailer	12½
6. McClusky #2 - C Kurle, J Schaffer, C Lauer, D Erdmann	11
7. McClusky #1 - T Voegle, T Grosz, J Axt, Kassie Sparrow	10½
7. Grimsrud Killers - B Kramer, J Upgren, E Hatinen, B Olson	10½
9. Northridge Gold #1 - C Schultz, D Lindsay, A Schultz, B Hilgers	9
10. Northridge Gold #2 - Jerome Jaskowski, L Hilgers, Dahl, Kern	8
11. Northridge Green #1 - M Quist, M Schmalz, D Reek, R Rasch	7½
12. Grimsrud Girls - S Anderson, B McCollum, S Zeller, M Biederman	7
13. McClusky #4 - M Netzloff, A Jans, M Zinke	5
14. Northridge Green #2 - L Juve, J Maslowski, J Sayler, P Hilgers	4½
15. Pioneer #2 - S Henderson, T Barker	4
16. Northridge Green #3 - S Hegland, C Kaul, Joseph Jaskowski	2½
16. Riverside - Brian Werner	2½
18. Mandan Lewis & Clark - Cassie Pederson	2
18. Grimsrud Independent - Bill Zeller	2
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† Junior High Final Team Standings - '88 ND Scholastic

1. Belcourt #1, Turtle Mtn. Comm. School - Charbonneau, Peltier, Entobgi, & Laducer	10
2. Rugby - C Lindseth, & K Seibel	7
3. McClusky - J Gross, & J Engel	6
4. Belcourt #2, Turtle Mtn. Comm. School - J Entobgi	2
5. Mandan - C Hambrick	0
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NORTH DAKOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME			
Stephan Popel 1983 ♔	Olev Kraav 1987 ♔	Abe Thompson 1987 ♔	Somner Sorenson 1988 ♔

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

One chess season is over, and as the summer passes, another draws near to high gear. Since the last issue of the newsletter went to press, we have had the scholastic and the state championships, but the only other action was a tourney in June, put on by Dale Sailer, and Somnar Sorenson's Dragon Variations in May. The lull in activity is good so that all can catch their wind and relax before another assault on the rating slopes.

In looking back at the recent activity, it is good to see the growth in caliber of the youth of this state. The Scholastic and the Closed provided some outstanding examples from such players as Ken Dahme and Jennie Bitz, of Bismarck Grimsrud, Kipp Sparrow and Mystal Evanger of McCluskey, Mike Sailer of Bismarck, Zane Stearns, of Dickinson, Chris Lindseth, of Rugby, Ken Adams, of Jamestown, and as well, the surprisingly strong performance of four West Fargo players, Joel Sauve, Kevin Hakanson, Robert Ehlbeck, and Paul Humphrey. And these were not the only potential stars to shine. An interesting mix of outstanding play and hard lessons was witnessed for all involved. One could not help but feel the disappointment of Kipp Sparrow over a sad loss in the last round of the closed, but I think Kipp learned several valuable lessons that will stand him in good stead in the future. And as a personal note to him, I might remind him of the great game I played in the 4th round of the closed, against Cam Starr of Fargo, only to have it vanish on a single HASTY move. As perhaps Kipp gained some degree of satisfaction in knowing he wasn't alone, so to did I gain some satisfaction in learning that Cam Starr lost one at the Dragon Variations a few weeks later, that was very similar to the one I gave him. But even so, the knowledge was salted with commiseration for a great friend who in defeating me, never-the-less demonstrated the utmost in sportsmanship. Cam Starr is known to all of us as one of the great gentlemen of the game in this state, and I will be eternally grateful for the manner in which he downplayed my blunder and complimented my play in the rest of the game. Cam understands that in Chess, the thing isn't the winning but the competition and that it the tough times that make the good times so valuable. Always Mike Sailer who has had some tough losses enroute to becoming an expert. We are all proud of the fact that in the most recent chess tournament, he was listed as among the top 25 in the entire nation. Chess, like life, is a mix of successes and failures. Sooner or later, we all must suffer, and sooner or later, we will all get to celebrate.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish one and all a fruitful career ahead and may we not be disappointed in our failures but rather proud of everyone's successes. Our own as well as those of others. Feel the spirit. Give Chess a Boost!!!

Joe Rignett
Editor, NDCA NEWS

P.S. Special congratulations to Mike Sailer on his achievement of being among the top 25 in the nation in his age group.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS, 1989 ND SCHOLASTIC & ND CLOSED SCHEDULE:

1989 North Dakota Scholastic Chess Championship

March 11-12, 1989 ♣

Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, North Dakota

1989 North Dakota Closed (our state chess champ. tmt.)

April 1-2, 1989 ♣

Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, North Dakota

1988 ND Scholastic (Elementary Div., grades 1-6) Chess Championships

1 Ken Dahme	Grimsrud Roughriders	W56	W26	W8	W23	W5	5
2 Mystal Evanger	McClusky #3	W63	W9	D3	W18	W6	4½
3 Jenny Ritz	Grimsrud Grizzlies	W59	W60	D2	W12	W13	4½
4 Kipp Sparrow	McClusky #3	W53	W25	W7	L6	W24	4
5 Marty Merts	Grimsrud Roughriders	W57	W27	W10	W16	L1	4
6 Corey Hintz	Grimsrud Roughriders	W35	W55	W19	W4	L2	4
7 Kevin Buchwitz	Grimsrud "A"	W38	W21	L4	W27	W16	4
8 Brett Malsom	Grimsrud "A"	W40	W11	L1	W29	W19	4
9 Cory Skistad	Grimsrud Grizzlies	W17	L2	W40	W32	W22	4
10 James Wagner	Grimsrud Killers	W31	W43	L5	W20	W23	4
11 Travis Gross	McClusky #1	D51	L8	W51	W34	W33	3½
12 Ben Wagner	McClusky #3	W15	D13	W34	L3	W31	3½
13 Jon Penne	Grimsrud "A"	W39	D12	W33	W36	L3	3½
14 Erik Hatinen	Grimsrud Killers	L19	W38	W42	W21	D18	3½
15 Matthew Schmidt	Pioneer #1 Panthers	L12	BYE	D31	W52	W35	3½
16 Caleb Schultz	Northridge Gold #1	W46	W62	WF	L5	L7	3
17 Teresa Voegel	McClusky #1	L9	W54	L27	W56	W36	3
18 Kassie Sparrow	McClusky #1	W62	D34	W29	L2	D14	3
19 Jessica Schaffer	McClusky #2	W14	W46	L6	W25	L8	3
20 Dustin Erdmann	McClusky #2	L27	W35	W53	L10	W38	3
21 Matthew Sailer	Pioneer #1 Panthers	W47	L7	W55	L14	W39	3
22 Matt Johnson	McClusky #3	W52	W24	L23	W26	L9	3
23 Brent Ghering	Grimsrud Roughriders	W36	W37	W22	L1	L10	3
24 Abel Tello	Grimsrud "A"	W41	L22	W37	W28	L4	3
25 Travis Kvanig	Grimsrud Grizzlies	W42	L4	W39	L19	W40	3
26 Scott Leung	Pioneer #1 Panthers	W32	L1	W59	L22	W41	3
27 Travis Staton	Pioneer #1 Panthers	W20	L5	W17	L7	W42	3
28 Roy Rasch	Northridge Green #1	L33	W45	W43	L24	D32	2½
29 Mike Dahl	Northridge Gold #2	W61	D33	L18	L8	W50	2½
30 Joshua Kern	Northridge Gold #2	D50	L48	W61	L33	W51	2½
31 Curt Kurle	McClusky #2	L10	W56	D15	W50	L12	2½
32 Corey Lauer	McClusky #2	L26	W57	W52	L9	D28	2½
33 Brian Werner	Riverside	W28	D29	L13	W30	L11	2½
34 Sarah Anderson	Grimsrud Girls	W58	D18	L12	L11	W49	2½
35 Matthew Schmalz	Northridge Green #1	L6	L20	W62	W59	L15	2
36 David Reek	Northridge Green #1	L23	W44	W60	L13	L17	2
37 Jerome Jaskowiak	Northridge Gold #2	W45	L23	L24	W60	---	2
38 Abi Schultz	Northridge Gold #1	L7	L14	W63	W43	L20	2
39 Don Lindsay	Northridge Gold #1	L13	W47	L25	W46	L21	2
40 Ben Hilgers	Northridge Gold #1	L8	W50	L9	W47	L25	2
41 Shawn Henderson	Pioneer #2	L24	L53	W54	W55	L26	2
42 Tann Barker	Pioneer #2	L25	W63	L14	W53	L27	2
43 Mike Zinke	McClusky #4	W49	L10	L28	L38	W53	2
44 Anita Jans	McClusky #4	L55	L36	D49	D63	W56	2
45 Cassie Pederson	Mandan Lewis & Clark	L37	L28	L56	W54	W59	2
46 Michelle Biederman	Grimsrud Girls	L16	L19	W57	L39	W60	2
47 Bram Olson	Grimsrud Killers	L21	L39	BYE	L40	W63	2
48 Bill Zeller	Grimsrud Independent	BYE	W30	LF	---	---	2
49 Josh Maslowski	Northridge Green #2	L43	L59	D44	W61	L34	1½
50 Suzie Zeller	Grimsrud Girls	D30	L40	W58	L31	L29	1½
51 Jenny Zuroff	Grimsrud Grizzlies	D11	L52	L11	W58	L30	1½
52 Joseph Jaskowiak	Northridge Green #3	L22	W51	L32	L15	---	1
53 Sommer Hegland	Northridge Green #3	L4	W41	L20	L42	L43	1
54 Lisa Juve	Northridge Green #2	L60	L17	L41	L45	BYE	1
55 Jamie Saylor	Northridge Green #2	W44	L6	L21	L41	---	1
56 Patrick Hilgers	Northridge Green #2	L1	L31	W45	L17	L44	1
57 Mark Quist	Northridge Green #1	L5	L32	L46	D62	D61	1
58 Leslie Hilgers	Northridge Gold #2	L34	D61	L50	L51	D62	1
59 Jason Axt	McClusky #1	L3	W49	L26	L35	L45	1
60 Michael Netzloff	McClusky #4	W54	L3	L36	L37	L46	1
61 Beth McCollum	Grimsrud Girls	L29	D58	L30	L49	D57	1
62 Becky Kramer	Grimsrud Killers	L18	L16	L35	D57	D58	1
63 Cheryl Kaul	Northridge Green #3	L2	L42	L38	D44	L47	½

1988 North Dakota Closed

April 23-24, 1988
Doublewood Ramada Inn
Bismarck, North Dakota
USCF Rated Event.

TD: Somner Sorenson
TL: Rd. 1, 45/100,
Rds. 2-5, 45/2,
then 25/1 hour.

Player	City	Pre RtnG	Post RtnG	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Total
1 Stephen J Turmo	Fargo	2105	2132	W15	W-7	W-6	W-2	W-8	5
2 Brian K Flygare	Minot	2024	2034	W28	W13	W-8	L-1	W15	4
3 Mike Sailer	Bismarck	2001	1995	W18	D16	W11	D-5	D-6	3½
4 Ronald R Schauer	Mandan	1960	1953	W20	D11	D-9	W19	D-5	3½
5 Rick Case	Minot	1945	1949	W23	D12	W16	D-3	D-4	3½
6 Michael Sprague	Minot	1872	1884	W21	W27	L-1	W14	D-3	3½
7 David O Lindseth	Rugby	1822	1834	W32	L-1	D12	W27	W16	3½
8 Jerry Triggs	Mandan	1993	1984	W19	W10	L-2	W13	L-1	3
9 John H Leitel	Almont	1855	1865	W24	W14	D-4	---	D11	3
10 Richard E Herr	Wishek	1845	1813	L22	L-8	W26	W21	W18	3
11 Cameron Starr	Fargo	1807	1814	W30	D-4	L-3	W28	D-9	3
12 LaMoyné Splichal	Dickinson	1659	1665	W26	D-5	D-7	L15	W22	3
13 Alan Adams	Jamestown	1602	1628	W33	L-2	W20	L-8	W24	3
14 Marvin L Johnson	Minot	1600	1615	W25	L-9	W23	L-6	W19	3
15 Steve Lengenfelder	Bismarck	1559	1585	L-1	W32	W22	W12	L-2	3
16 Calvin Wipf	Fargo	1828	1815	W31	D-3	L-5	W18	L-7	2½
17 Clifford Berger	Dickinson	1789	1802	---	---	---	W20	W27	2
18 Gerry Morris	Fargo	1552	1551	L-3	W31	W25	L16	L10	2
19 Stacy Mertz	Bismarck	1541	1539	L-8	W22	W21	L-4	L14	2
20 Dale R Sailer	Bismarck	1503	1507	L-4	W30	L13	L17	W28	2
21 Ken B Adams	Jamestown	1361	1361	L-6	W34	L19	L10	W31	2
22 Chris Lindseth	Rugby	1358	1375	W10	L19	L15	W30	L12	2
23 Silvano A Bentzel	Minot	1348	1347	L-5	W26	L14	L24	W30	2
24 John Engel	McClusky	1319	1347	L-9	L25	W31	W23	L13	2
25 Harold Rosenheim	Gr Fk AFB	-----	1388	L14	W24	L18	W32	---	2
26 Ken Dahme	Bismarck	-----	1327	L12	L23	L10	W29	W32	2
27 Leonard V Crouse	Kenmare	1601	1576	W34	L-6	D28	L-7	L17	1½
28 Joseph J Gagner	Bismarck	1490	1475	L-2	W33	D27	L11	L20	1½
29 Mike Grinsteiner	Dickinson	942	979	---	---	---	L26	W33	1
30 Mystal Evanger	Kief	-----	1163	L11	L20	W33	L22	L23	1
31 Brent Ghering	Bismarck	-----	1181	L16	L18	L24	W34	L21	1
32 Kipp Sparrow	McClusky	-----	1168	L-7	L15	W34	L25	L26	1
33 Jenny Bitz	Bismarck	-----	971	L13	L28	L30	Bye	L29	1
34 Jeremy Barth	Bismarck	-----	893	L27	L21	L32	L31	Bye	1

Tied players are listed in order of pre-tournament ratings. Besides the unrated players, 3 others have provisional ratings: Al Adams 1602 after 13 games, John Engel 1319 after 10 games, and Mike Grinstein was 942 after 9 games. - W = win (1 pt.), D = draw ($\frac{1}{2}$ pt.), L = loss (0 pt.) -

A Award Winners at the 1988 North Dakota Closed

Steve Turmo -----	1988 North Dakota Chess Champion
Brian Flygare ----	Championship Trophy, \$35, & free '89 ND Closed entry.
Mike Sailer -----	2nd Place Runnerup Trophy, & \$15.
LaMoyné Splichal --	Class A Trophy (on tiebreak).
Cameron Starr ----	Class B Trophy (on tiebreak), & \$13.33.
Alan Adams -----	1st place share in B, won \$13.33.
Steve Lengenfelder-	1st place share in B, won \$13.33.
Marv Johnson -----	Class C Trophy (on tiebreak), & \$20.
Chris Lindseth ----	1st place share in C, won \$20.
Silvano Bentzel ---	Class D-E-Unr. Trophy (on tiebreak), & \$10.
John Engel -----	1st place share below 1400, won \$10.
Ken Dahme -----	1st place share below 1400, won \$10.
Ken Adams -----	1st place share below 1400, won \$10.

President Joe Gagner called the annual meeting of the North Dakota Chess Association to order. He then proceeded to thank Joe Gagner for his valued work as chief editor of the NDCA Newsletter. Ron thanked LaMoyné Splichal, also, for his efforts as our Secretary-Treasurer. Also noted was Jerry Triggs, who has kept the Central Dakota Chess Club alive.

Pres. Schauer then handed the meeting agenda to Pres. Elect Joe Gagner. The reading of the 1987 NDCA annual report was read. The report is in the May 1st NDCA News, as to dues, the dues are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for juniors, and 77 paid-up members. Both figures should be higher in order to meet our chess needs in the state! Due to lack of renewals and some chess leaders leaving the state, we do need more funds & players.

A motion was made by Ron Schauer, seconded by Al Adams, then passed by the membership, to award \$100 to Mike Sailer for his trip to Boston. He will represent North Dakota in the National High School Tournament of Chess, age 17-19, in conjunction with the U.S. Open.

The membership of the NDCA voted & passed a constitutional change: the office of President Elect will remain effective immediately to become Vice President. Members felt the office did not work as originally thought when passed, binding the officer to a "2 year commitment". All 3 major offices continue on 1 year terms, with officers open to a re-election bid.

Election: LaMoyné Splichal was nominated, and re-elected to another term as Secretary-Treasurer. - Rick Case and Dave Lindseth were both nominated for the Vice Presidency. Rick Case was then elected, 12-5, to be the NDCA Vice President. (Pres. Gagner will appoint the regional representatives.) Congratulations were expressed to the officers.

Ron Schauer proposed a 10% tourney "tax" for 1 year, effective after the ND Closed, as a way to bring in some funding to NDCA. After some discussion, the NDCA membership approved the motion. - The members also decided to keep dues at \$5 a year for adults, \$3 for juniors, to NDCA.

Joe Gagner introduced organizing car washes as a fundraiser idea. We discussed the the possibility for a future date. There was mixed reaction, however, Joe said car washes could work & produce funds for us.

An idea for a postage meter (bulk rates, etc.) was discussed. With NDCA membership averaging a low 75 players yearly, it was thought unfeasible at the time...

Ron Schauer noted he will look into grants, and charitable gaming funds for our state chess chapter, in the coming months... Members were asked to think & plan of other fundraising ideas, too.

Hall of Fame: Joe Gagner nominated the name of Somner Sorenson, with Jerry Triggs seconding the motion, to be inducted to to the North Dakota Chess Hall of Fame. Joe gave a brief summation of Somner Sorenson's efforts concerning chess in the state, especially the Fargo-Moorhead area. By a unanimous vote of the present membership, Somner Sorenson was elected to the North Dakota Chess Hall of Fame!

We discussed that more effort by clubs should be made to get players together. You can advertise free in most Chamber of Commerce publications where you meet weekly. Also your local newspaper has free notices showing community events, etc.

The ND Scholastic is our best success, doing relatively well to bring in young chess players. However, we must continue the process, follow up the progress of the students. We need more volunteers to teach chess in the schools. Steve Lengenfelder stressed we should not overlook the secondary (jr. & sr. high) schools. In past years our attendance in the elementary section has been outstanding, but the top sections are poor... Doris Fischer, McClusky teacher/chess advisor noted we should look for improvement to keep in touch with the scholastic players.

Pres. Gagner appointed the following to the Scholastic committee: LaMoyné Splichal, Ron Schauer, Dale Sailer, Terry Ness, as well as himself.

Contest winners in the '87 ND Grand Prix will receive their respective prizes. At this date, funds were not available, but members felt that the players should receive awards at a future date. - An '88 ND Grand Prix, whatever format, is not set at this time, noted Pres. Gagner.

Marv Johnson moved that the '88 NDCA meeting close, Rick Case did second the motion. The membership was in favor, then Pres. Joe Gagner formally closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, LaMoyné Splichal NDCA Secretary Treasurer.

N.D. chess champion says he plays little

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's reigning chess champion, who has won the state title four times, says the demands of school and two part-time jobs rarely leave him with time to play anymore.

"I've definitely lost a lot of the fervor I once had," said Stephen Turmo, a North Dakota State University senior majoring in computer science.

"I used to read chess books quite a bit when I was little, but now I have no other books to read."

Stephen Turmo's father, Andrew, taught him to play chess in 1969, when Stephen was 11 years old.

"My father taught me, but it wasn't too long before I beat him quite a bit, and we quit playing," Stephen Turmo said. Their last match was in a tournament seven or eight years ago, and the younger Turmo won, he said.

Turmo first took a serious interest in chess in 1972, when American Bobby Fischer challenged and eventually defeated Soviet world chess champion Boris Spassky.

"At that time, the whole United States went chess crazy," Turmo said.

Turmo has a rating of 2,105, which ranks him as an expert, according to the United States Chess Federation. A player must have

2,200 points to be classified as a master player, he noted.

Players increase their ratings by defeating someone of equal or greater rank, and it would be difficult for him to boost his standing in North Dakota, Turmo said.

"Sometimes the higher you get, the harder it gets," Turmo said. "When you are rated high, everybody knows."

Asked how he keeps in practice, Turmo replied, "I don't. I will, once in a while, crack open a chess book and skim over it. I'll maybe play over some of the more interesting games."

Despite his lack of activity, Turmo won the North Dakota Chess Association's state tournament in Bismarck in April. The title, his fourth, was his second in a row; he was undefeated in five one-game matches.

Turmo says he's discovered another hobby that can be as challenging as chess.

"I like politics and philosophy, mainly arguing about them," Turmo said. "I like that better than chess, but, of course, there is no objective to win. I guess if the other guy takes a swing at you, you've won."

(Courtesy of Fargo Forum, Bismarck Tribune, and other newspapers around the state of North Dakota)

Chess Chat... by LaMoyne Splichal

- Hopefully many of you are enjoying this hot summer in the shade, and finding time for some chess games. There isn't much tournament action, mostly casual chess games, postal chess, and some studying?!
- If you felt this newsletter was late, it was! I missed the news deadline by 3 weeks, a royal foul-up on my part. Have a 1001 excuses, none too good to print. My apologies to Joe, our chief editor, and to all subscribers. Back on track now, knock on wood!
- Thanks again goes out to Joe Gagner for his outstanding efforts as our newsletter editor! With his time commitments he does a good job, don't forget to thank him, by continuing to send in newsletter material.
- 1988 ND Scholastic was attended by 85 students, a decrease of 17 from last year's event. The good news is 63 students competed in the elementary division, a record in the 1980s! - There was good games at the scholastic along with the bizarre to make an entertaining weekend.
- There are many thank yous after a tournament like a ND Scholastic. Here are a few: Terry Ness for being chief organizer, LaMoyne Splichal for directing the elementary section & the aftermath tmt. paperwork, Dale Sailer for directing the junior high section, Joe Gagner for his directing the senior high section, Ron Schauer for assisting the elementary & playing another Saturday night simul, to the Optimist Club of Bismarck for their \$100 generous donation, thanks to the Doublewood Ramada Inn staff for their kind service & great rooms, to our unnamed assistants behind the scenes, and to the dedicated teachers, parents, chaperones, fans who attended the 1988 ND Scholastic!!!
- Congratulations again to all the winners of the ND Scholastic, and the ND Closed. Hey, you all have a state title or two to carry for a year!
- You may note that awards were low at the '88 ND Closed compared to '87, our largest prize fund ever. Simply stated, our turnout was low, 9 out of the 34 players had free entries won, and we paid our fine tournament director true, real \$\$\$ compensation! There are advantages and some not so sweet to the players. Granted in '89 other chess avenues will be taken (i.e., unpaid workers, and donations from outside sources). All I can say the tournament was worth the hassle, which provided pure pleasure to many! On a personal note, I got to actually play in the championship event, instead of shuffling pairing cards, and I loved it!
- If you find any technical errors in the issue, please inform Joe or me about them. Great pains were made on crosstables, etc., for correct news info. Sometimes a typo may have slipped in!
- Finally, please circle your '89 calendar, as we already have secured the Bismarck Doublewood Ramada Inn, for next year's chess championships. Because of ND Centennial activities, a nationwide bowling tourney in the city, & other events, tournament sites were very tight. Motels were already blocked off for lodging by the local convention bureau! We did some quick hunting for sites, and came back to Ramada for the best deal anyone could want!! Reserve your motel rooms now, March 11-12 for the ND Scholastic, April 1-2 for the ND Closed, plan to play, no excuses!
- Soon it will be time for a full chess season, after this hot summer. Take care, chess friends!

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